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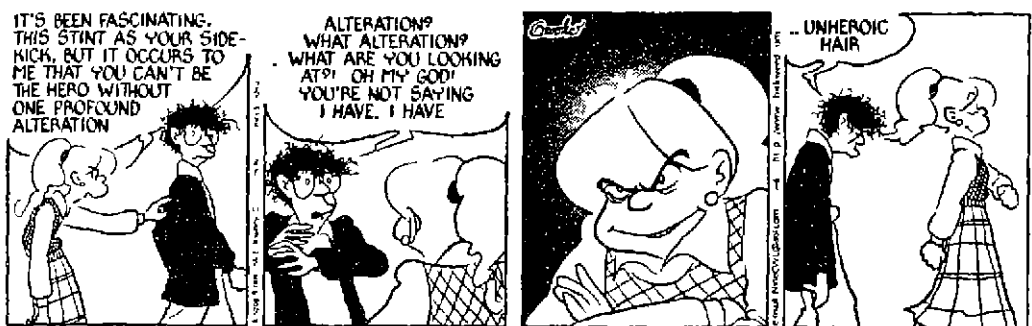
SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



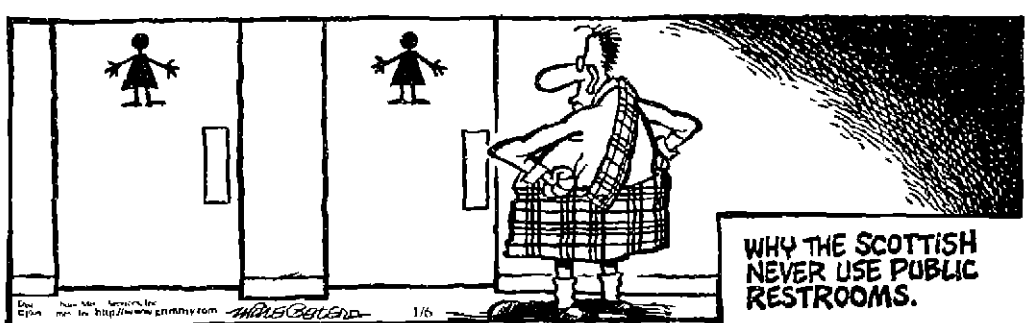
ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



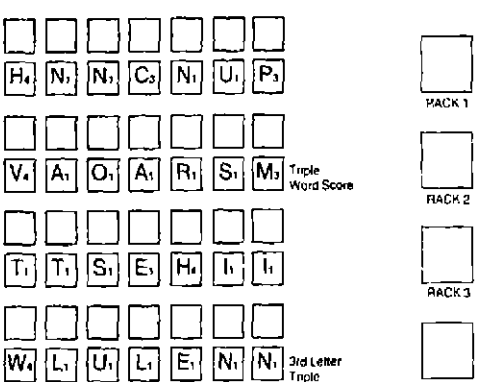
Today's Birthdays

Actress Loretta Young is 85. Bluegrass performer Earl Scruggs is 74. Former automaker John Z. DeLorean is 73. Singer Doris Troy is 61. Actress Bonnie Franklin is 54. Rock singer-musician Kim Wilson (The Fabulous Thunderbirds) is 47. Rock musician Malcolm Young (AC/DC) is 45. Golfer Nancy Lopez is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Eric Williams (BLACKstreet) is 38. Movie director John Singleton is 30.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE



DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50 point bonus. Blanks used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam Webster) and OGSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 1-6-98 © 1998 UN, Inc. Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

- Dollar

L I F C Z W U R P M J H E C Z
X U N S Q D N L J G E C Z X S
V T R A Y N N H O J D P N T L
J H D E I S C A A O Y W R D V
T S R E P D I N L L K O I E G
E A U S T R A L I A N C B U Z
X N W U S A A N V G E R P L O
M D L F J R L I A E G Z E A D
B A L Y F X P F W C R U W V T
S A M O T T O B N Q P K A E W
H O R N G Y T H G I M L A D N

Monday's unlisted clue PILOT

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Tuesday's unlisted clue hint SHINY METAL.

Almighty	Devalued	Inflated	Strong
Australian	Dollar for	Johnny	Top
Bottom	Gold	New Zealand	Weak
Canadian	Half	Sand	

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HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, Jan 7, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Signing up for a course or taking on a special project will certainly be the highlight for you in the upcoming weeks.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This week brings important developments concerning a financial investment proposal.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A run-in with a co worker is possible, however your patience will pave the way to a peaceful agreement.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Higher-ups on the job are watching the wonderful work you have been doing, and this will gain you greater prestige and a possible raise in the next week or so.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You have been pushing yourself too much of late, so instead of constantly going out for good times, it is best to relax at home for the next couple of days.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Be watchful of elderly members of your family and keep tabs on their financial and property interests.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) This week brings important developments in travel, education and communications.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Don't be too disappointed if a financial arrangement does not go your way. Spur-of-the-moment activities are highly recommended.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You have a renewed sense of self-confidence and will make great strides in your personal and professional lives. A personal goal will be reached.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Tying up loose ends will be a major priority this week. Your social life picks up dramatically in the future.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You will sparkle with fresh insights and new ideas. Your financial situation brightens.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Your charm is an asset in all you do. Dealings with higher-ups are successful.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"You made a great bid," an excited South said. "If we don't make it, it will be my fault."

South was right on all counts. Over North's strong opening, South chose to bid diamonds instead of hearts, a good choice. For slam evaluation, bidding values instead of length helps a partner who opens a strong hand. And when West injected a heart overcall, North made a well-judged jump to five no-trump, the Grand Slam Force. It asks partner to bid seven if the partnership's last-bid suit if he holds two of the top three honors, six with fewer.

The bidding was on target, the play was not. South ruffed West's heart ace in dummy, led a trump to his 10 and ruffed another heart. Expecting a 3-2 trump break, he led dummy's last trump to get bad news. He used all his trumps to exhaust East, and when spades failed to split, the slam went one down.

South should have guarded against a 4-1 trump split. At trick four, instead of leading dummy's last trump, South should have led dummy's club 10 to his jack. After ruffing another heart with dummy's last trump, he overtakes dummy's club queen and draws East's trumps. This gives him four trumps in hand, three heart ruffs in dummy and three top winners in each black suit for 13 winners. Good bidding means little if it is not matched with good play.

NORTH ♠ A K Q 9 8 4
♥ K J 9 6
♦ A Q 10
♣ A Q 10

WEST ♠ 6 5
♥ A K Q 9 6 4
♦ 4
♣ 9 4 2

EAST ♠ J 10 7 3
♥ J 8
♦ 7 5 3 2
♣ 8 6 3

SOUTH ♠ 2
♥ 10 7 5 3 2
♦ A Q 10 8
♣ K J 7

Vulnerable Both
Dealer North

The bidding
North East South West
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♦ 3 ♠
5 NT Pass 7 ♦ All pass

Opening lead: Heart ace

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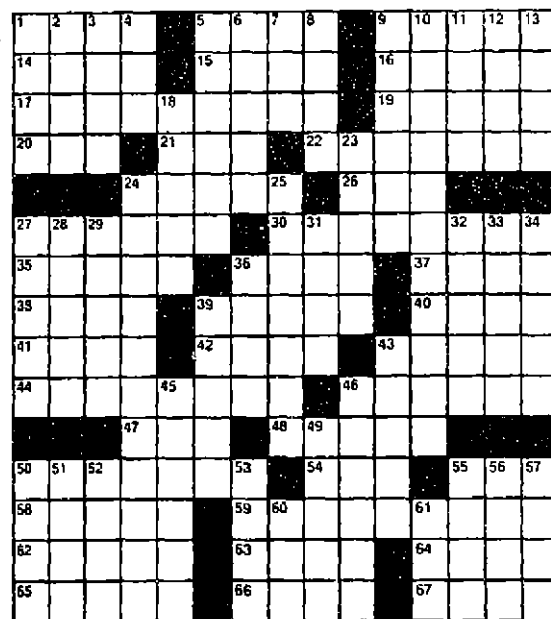
- 1 Handle the situation
5 Harbinger
9 Pancake topper
14 Drifters — the Roof
15 Application form information
16 Monopoly purchase
17 Alex Raymond comic strip
19 Peter of Peter and Gordon
20 C I A forerunner
21 Tokyo once
22 Coin side
24 Feature of live U.S. Presidents
26 Apollo vehicle
27 Manager Anderson
30 Following orders
35 Corporate emblems
36 Clumsy dancer's problems
37 The Magi, e.g.
38 Christie or Quindlen
39 Things to crack
40 Part of E.M.T. Abbr.
41 Kind of tea
42 Pearl Buck heroine
43 Sacred song
44 Western Hemisphere
46 Sliding dance step
47 The Red Baron, for one
48 Curtain fabric
50 Musicians
54 Electric swimmer
55 Telephonic 3
58 Kind of board
59 Legendary cowboy
62 Attach to a lapel
63 Wicked
64 Come in last
65 Adlai's 1956 running mate
66 Broad valley
67 Sloth's home

DOWN

- 1 Stephen King novel
2 Musical composition
3 Operatic Lily
4 H.S. course
5 Sometime
6 Captain's superior
7 Record label with Capitol
8 Commander of the Nautilus
9 Attacked the whisks
10 Orsony Warner Bros. cartoon character
11 Essen's river
12 Manipulates
13 Father in France
14 Vichyssoise ingredients
23 Give a benediction
24 Namath's nickname
25 Gadgets

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

NABS LEHAR TLC
ARLO OXEYE SHEA
STANDUP AND CHEER
ASH RIOT OUTRE
BASS PARLAYS
ENRAGE SAUNA
LAIR STYLE AGE
SITBACK AND RELAX
ALE PLATE GALE
ROUTE SPORES
PAROLEE DUOS
IDEAL GOBS AHA
LIED DOWN THE JOB
LESS ABOL NAPI
SUE CASTE EXIT



Puzzle by Gregory E. Paul

- 49 Heavy-hitting Fielder
50 Essay on Man author
51 San — Obispo Calif.
52 You — seen nothin' yet!
53 Raced
54 New Look designer
56 If not
57 Head for the hills
60 Stowe girl
61 Lunch order briefly

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